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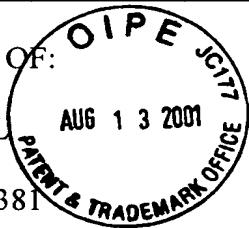
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MIKIKO SUGA ET AL.



: EXAMINER: FRONDA

SERIAL NO. : 09/835,381

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FILED: APRIL 17, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FOR: ARGININE REPRESSOR :  
DEFICIENT STRAIN OF :  
CORYNEFORM BACTERIUM :  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING :  
L-ARGININE :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 20, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse Group I, Claims 1-3. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please delete the original Sequence Listing on pages 32-50 without prejudice.

Page 52 (Abstract) after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.